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2 **APPLICATION UNDER GRANTED PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL**

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9 SUBJECT: Method and Apparatus for Processing Escrow Transactions

10 DECLARATION OF C. RICHARD TRIOLA UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

11 I, C. Richard Triola, declare:

12 1. I am the sole inventor of the subject matter of the present, above-referenced,
13 application.

14 2. I am the President/CEO/Chairman of the Board of a company now doing
15 business as EZESCROW, Inc., a Delaware corporation, formerly known as
16 "EEZCROW.COM," (pronounced "ee-ezcrow") having a former e-mail address of
17 "uptown@acninc.net" and a present Internet web site of "http://www.ezEscrowusa.com,"
18 and e-mail address of "rick@ezescrowusa.com."

19 3. I reduced my invention to practice prior to December 10, 1999.

20 4. In the summer of 1999, I met and employed Verle Yoder, Sterling Productions,
21 Box 3427, San Clemente, CA 92674, to code a commercial software implementation of
22 my invention.

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1 5. Attached are true and correct photocopies of exhibits in support of my invention,
2 which is commercially referred to as ezEscrow™, showing both prior
3 conception/reduction-to-practice dates and use/on-sale dates, all prior to December 10,
4 1999:

5 (1) EXHIBIT A, dated "10/23/99", is a COPY of a "Network Solutions" web
6 address reservation for the former web site of this business, "EEZCROW.COM."

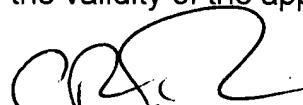
7 (2) EXHIBIT B, dated "November 09, 1999, is a COPY of an actual e-mail sales
8 order to this business, "Escrow Order Form Results" of this business, evidenced
9 by being addressed as "To: uptown@acninc.net"

10 "From:verasesc@winnt26.netservers.net," the e-mail address for Vera's Escrow
11 Service, Inc. of Irvine, CA.

12 (3) EXHIBIT C, dated "December 02, 1999" is a COPY of an e-mail subscription
13 to the services of this business; see Subject: "Re: Fw: New Member Sign-Up" by
14 "Jay Shapiro."

15 6. Due diligence in pursuit of my invention is exhibited by both these EXHIBITS
16 and the filing date of April 20, 2000 of my Provisional Application, 60/198785.

17 I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and further that
18 these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the
19 like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of
20 Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize
21 the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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23 C. Richard Triola

24 Dated: November 24, 2003